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March 16, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Request for Review by Unified Networking Solutions,

Inc. of Decision of Universal Service Administrator

Docket No.: CC Docket No. 02-60

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed please find the following for filing:

- Request for Review Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.719;
- Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc.;
- Supporting Documentation for Appeal; and
- Certificate of Service.

An appeal was filed on behalf of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc on March 1, 2017. That appeal involved a denial of payment issued by USAC on January 3, 2017. The instant appeal deals with a denial of payment issued by USAC on March 9, 2017 after a resubmission for payment by Unified.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

Thomas J. Burns, III, Esquire

Encl.

FEDERAL COMMUICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of Request for Review by Unified)	
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REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF AN APPEAL BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY SCHOOL AND LIBRARIES DIVISION BASED ON THE MARCH 9, 2017 DENIAL OF FUNDING BY USAC

NOW comes, Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter "Unified") and brings the following appeal to the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") concerning an appeal filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company School & Libraries Division (hereinafter "USAC") filed on February 16, 2017 and denied March 9, 2017.

STATEMENT OF PARTY'S INTEREST IN BRINGING THIS APPEAL

Unified brings this appeal as an aggrieved party following the submission of an appeal for payment to USAC, that was approved, but then USAC failed to fund, or pay, Unified monies still owed on a project for the Acushnet Massachusetts School District. Following an exhaustive pursuit of remedies with USAC, Unified now brings this appeal to the FCC. Unified seeks to be paid \$54,646.66 which consists of the balance of the contract for services rendered by Unified.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANT MATERIAL FACTS

Unified offers the following statement of relevant material facts, with supporting documentation, and affidavits.

- 1. On April 9, 2015, Unified entered an agreement with the Acushnet Public Schools (hereinafter "Acushnet") to provide hardware and IT services (internal connectivity) to the school district. (Please see April 9, 2015 project agreement attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 1).
- 2. Pursuant to the agreement, the cost of the project was to be \$109,293.32, with an E-rate discount to be applied to the project in the amount of \$54,646.66. (Please see November 10, 2015 Unified invoice attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 2).
- 3. Acushnet was going to be afforded the discount to the project as part of an initiative administered by USAC.

- 4. Payment for Acushnet's portion of the project cost was to be made directly to Unified. However, despite being informed several times in writing, and orally, the Acushnet portion was sent to Hewlett Packard (hereinafter "HP"), the producer of the equipment. (Please see Town of Acushnet check in the amount of \$54,646.66 attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 3).
- 5. Having been paid in error, HP returned the funds to Unified and it was deposited into Unified's business account. (Please see receipt of return of the Acushnet funds from HP to Unified attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 4). (Please see additionally Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶11).
- 6. Despite the return of the funds from HP, Unified still attempted to reverse the transaction to have it processed in the correct manner. This included going to the Acushnet School Board, and other town offices, to have them reverse the payment. Due to the fiscal year ending for Acushnet on June 30th, they could not reverse the payment. (Please see Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶8-9).
- 7. Unified attempted to have HP reverse the transaction but for various reasons, including the end of their fiscal year, they could not reverse the transaction. (Please see Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶10).
- 8. Unified then attempted to secure payment for the outstanding 50% of the project that was the responsibility of USAC to pay. Supporting documentation was provided showing the error of Acushnet in providing payment to HP. (Please see Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶12).
- 9. USAC refused to make payment on the account in the amount of the remaining \$54,646.66. (Please see August 25, 2016 denial of funding/payment from USAC attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 5). The rationale given for failure to pay the outstanding amount was the mix up in payment by Acushnet. (Please see Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶13).
- 10. As a result of USAC's failure to pay, as corporate counsel for Unified, on October 17, 2016, this office submitted an appeal to USAC, with supporting documentation, to explain the situation further and request payment be issued. (Please see complete October 17, 2016 appeal packet attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 6).
- 11. On January 3, 2017, Unified received notification from USAC that their appeal was approved. (Please see January 3, 2017, USAC appeal approval letter attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 7).
- 12. Following the request in the approval letter, Unified resubmitted their invoice, and supporting documentation from Acushnet, with an expectation of payment. (Please see Acushnet Service Certification for SLD Invoices attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 8).

- 13. Despite complying with USAC's requests, on February 6, 2017 Unified received notification stating that the disbursement on their claim was zero and that, again, USAC would not be issuing payment to Unified for the balance of the Acushnet project. (Please see February 6, 2017 funding denial from USAC attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 9).
- 14. On February 16, 2017, Unified submitted a new request for payment to USAC in the form of a new Form 474 (SLD Invoice 2533529). (Please see Form 474 attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit 10).
- 15. On February 28, 2017, Unified was contacted by a Flor Saenz who asked if we could resubmit all of the documentation that was part of the October 17, 2016 appeal. After speaking with her, she agreed to forward the payment request to her manager.
- 16. On March 6, 2017, Unified received a phone call from Dan Smith, a manager at USAC, stating that the payment request of February 16, 2017 would once again be denied based on the issue of Acushnet directly paying HP. (Please see Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶17).
- 17. Unified was informed by Mr. Smith that we could appeal this latest denial to the FCC as well. (Please see Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶17).
- 18. On March 7, 2017, to comply with all of USAC's requests, we forwarded all documents from the October 17, 2016 appeal to USAC. (See attached Exhibit 6). (Please see also Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. ¶18).
- 19. On March 9, 2017, we received a funding denial from USAC. (Please see attached March 9, 2017 USAC denial hereto attached and incorporated as Exhibit 11).
- 20. Unified now seeks redress through the FCC on the March 9, 2017 funding denial and timely files this appeal.

OUESTION FOR REVIEW BY THE FCC

The February 16, 2017 funding request, with supporting documentation, was timely filed with USAC and was denied for funding by USAC on March 9, 2017. Unified submitted all documentation from their original appeal with USAC, currently pending with the FCC, demonstrating the error made by the Town of Acushnet amounted to harmless error and was just a clerical mistake by the Town. Unified's appeal clearly stated that the basis of the appeal was the error by Acushnet in paying HP. Unified has demonstrated, and fully documented, through the attached paperwork, that this payment to HP was in error but that the error did not cause harm to any party except Unified who has still not been paid for 50% of the project. If funding

¹ Again, Unified has appealed the January 3, 2017 denial of funding by USAC through appeal with the FCC. That appeal was filed electronically on March 1, 2017.

were to be approved by USAC, Unified would be paid monies owed to them, Acushnet would still have their new technology in place and HP has already been paid anything owed to them for equipment that was installed in the Acushnet schools. Having exhaustively explained several times through appeal this harmless error, there is no rational basis for USAC's continued refusal to fund the remainder of the Acushnet school project.

STATEMENT OF RELIEF SOUGHT

Unified seeks relief in the amount of \$54,646.66, the still outstanding balance owed to Unified from USAC. In addition, Unified seeks any and all other just relief as can be ordered by this administrative body.

Respectfully Submitted

UNIFIED NETWORKING SOLUTIONS, INC

By their attorney,

Dated: March &, 2017

Thomas J. Burns, III Esquire

(BBO #663358) Dailey & Associates 353 West Center Street

West Bridgewater, MA 02379

(508)-588-4800 Tel. (508)-588-2067 Fax. tjburns@daileylaw.com

Exhibit 1





Project Agreement

Prepared for:

Acushnet Public Schools 708 Middle Road, Suite 1 Acushnet, MA 02743

April 9, 2015

Prepared by:

Account Manager: Brian McDonald Phone: (508) 272-1650 Email: <u>bmcdonald@Unified/TSupport.com</u>

Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. 10 Commerce Way Suite 8 Rayoham, MA 02767 (877) 329-0434 (508) 463-0546 Fex

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Signature

Project Cost:

\$ 109,293.32

By signing this document the client confirms their decision to purchase \$109,293.32 of Access Point/Switching & Installation Services from Unified Networking Solutions, Inc.

UNIFIED is not responsible for issues resulting from existing hardware/software. Additional labor may be necessary during setup due to unforescen issues with existing hardware/software and will be billed in addition to quoted work. Prices and specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation. Client must supply administrative passwords for all existing hardware. Additional materials may be needed in order to complete proposed work. Materials will be supplied at customer's expense.

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TITLE Director of Tech	Title:	
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Phone: 508-998-00(a(2	Phone: 877-329-0434 Fax: 508-463-0546





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Exhibit 2



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Deposit Summary

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Summary of Deposits to Bristol County Savings Bank on 04/13/2016

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			Deposit Total:	51,553.24



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Exhibit 5

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Your Total Actual Disbursement: \$0.00.

Exhibit 6

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October 17, 2016

VIA FIRST CLASS, ELECTRONIC MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL NO.: 7015 0640 0007 9150 3301

Schools and Libraries Program Correspondence Unit Attn: Letter of Appeal

30 Lanidex Plaza West

PO Box 685

Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

RE: Unified Networking Solutions/Acushnet Public School Project

SLD Invoice No.: 241

2415700

SPIN No.:

BEN:

143046404 120734

Funding Year:
Application No.:

2015-2016 1029685 2854373

FRN: Appeal Reason:

Non-Payment of Unified after Improper Payment by Acushnet

School Department

Dear Madam/Sir:

As you know, this office is engaged as corporate counsel for Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter "Unified"). On their behalf, we had previously appealed a decision with regard to funding for a project performed on behalf of the Town of Acushnet Public Schools (hereinafter "Acushnet"). This appeal related to invoice number 2395120. We received a denial of our appeal, based on timeliness, on October 12, 2016.

Unified seeks to appeal the decision denying payment on a separate and distinct invoice, invoice number 2415700, which was submitted on August 9, 2016 with payment denied on September 6, 2016. (Please see Exhibit A, Service Certification for SLD Invoices No. 2415700 with supporting documentation and Exhibit B, September 6, 2016 email from USAC with denial). This new appeal request is well within the allotted time period for filing an appeal of USAC's decision not to release funding.

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The basis for this separate and distinct appeal is the same as Unified's first appeal. However, I will restate all relevant facts and issues to preserve the record for this appeal. Unified entered into an agreement to provide Acushnet with internal connectivity for the school year 2015-2016. (A copy of the April 9, 2015 project agreement is attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit C). As the project was being completed, Unified issued an invoice to Acushnet for payment of the cost of the project. (A copy of the November 10, 2015 Unified invoice is attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit D). As you can see, Unified billed the project amount of \$109,293.32 and applied the E-rate discount to the project. Additionally, the Unified invoice clearly states "Make checks payable to Unified Networking Solutions, Inc." Unified properly billed Acushnet and made all reasonable attempts to secure payment through the normal course.

Despite informing Acushnet, both orally and in writing, several times of the direction of payment for the project, the Town of Acushnet issued payment for the project to Hewlett-Packard Co., Inc. (hereinafter "HP") and that check was received and processed by HP. (A copy of the check to HP is attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit E). This payment to HP was made in error and was most likely due to the town accountant seeing all of the HP products on the invoice and paying HP instead of Unified. As I am sure you are aware, HP does not perform work, or act as a first party provider, to schools and school districts, and thus, they require a third party vendor, here Unified. Regardless, payment was rendered by Acushnet directly to HP through absolutely no fault of Unified.

Upon learning of the accidental payment to HP, Unified has taken every measure to try and rectify the situation. This includes trying to work with both parties in the transaction, HP and Acushnet. With regard to the Acushnet side of the transaction, Unified has done everything within their ability to have the payment reversed. This included going to the Acushnet schools, the Acushnet School Board and other various town boards and offices and requesting that the transaction be reversed and payment be issued to Unified. Unfortunately, once the fiscal year ended for the Town of Acushnet on June 30th, nothing could be done with regard to reversing the payment to HP from their end.

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While attempting to resolve the issue with the Town of Acushnet, Unified was also trying to obtain assistance from HP. This included having HP reverse the transaction from their end, or in the alternative, having HP issue a letter, in support of Unified, detailing exactly how this transaction occurred. HP's fiscal year has also ended and they are unable to resolve the situation and they have declined numerous requests by Unified for assistance.

Unified attempted to process their claim for payment through the Schools and Libraries Division (hereinafter "SLD"), fully informing them of the clerical error and providing supporting documentation. Despite the inclusion of this supporting documentation, and numerous attempts to fully explain the circumstances of the clerical error, their claim for payment was denied. Unified now offers this appeal letter, and supporting documentation, to again request payment be made to Unified for the Acushnet project. Unified is hopeful an examiner will review this situation and resolve the matter in favor of Unified.

The refusal of SLD to pay Unified, and a clerical error by the Town of Acushnet, has left Unified holding the bag in the amount of \$54,646.66. (Please see Bristol County Savings Bank statement, deposit summary and HP invoice hereto attached and incorporated as Exhibit F). It is inexcusable that the innocent third party, a small company that has endeavored to provide school districts with second to none service, is left to deal with this \$54,646.66 on its books with a refusal of all parties to either assist them or to recognize this for what it is, a town accountant paying the wrong party with no resulting prejudice to anyone. Obviously, Unified has no control over the governmental entity in this case with regard to how they issue payments. HP is a large conglomerate that simply receives checks, endorses them and deposits them. They do not investigate every payment they receive to make sure the payment is not in error, nor should they be expected to. However, with that being said, for Unified, as the third party conduit, to not be made whole in this situation is disconcerting and patently unfair.

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This situation has dragged on far too long. There is not an allegation or question of malfeasance on the part of Unified and the situation itself is easily explained. Unified is hopeful that the submission of this appeal will lead to the issuance of payment and the resolution of the matter. As there is no question that Unified is entitled to payment, a further denial of this claim will lead to Unified seeking redress in another forum inclusive of consequential damages, attorney's fees and costs.

As always, Unified is committed to providing any additional insight, documentation or explanation as is necessary to process this claim.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Thomas J. Burns, Esquire

cc: Unified

Schools and Libraries Program

Via email: Appeals@sl.universalservice.org

Exhibit A

Service Certification for SLD Invoices

SLD Invoice Number	2415700
Invoice Line Number	8090798
Service Provider Name	Unified Networking Solutions, Inc
Service Provider SPIN	143046404
Service Provider Invoice #	Acushnet 15-16
Undiscounted Invoice Amount	\$109,293.32
Discounted Invoice Amount	\$54,646.66

Applicant Name	ACUSHNET SCHOOL DISTRICT
Representative / Contact Name	Chris Oliver
Representative / Contact Title	Director of Technology
Representative / Contact Phone	508-998-0260
Billed Entity Number (BEN)	120734
471 Number	1029685
FRN	2854373
Date Goods/Services Delivered	N/A
Date Goods/Services were or will be Installed	12/28/2015 — 12/31/2015
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Schools and Library Division (USAC)

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April 9, 2015

Prepared by:

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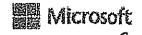
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Exhibit B

Derek Campbell

From: Brian McDonald

Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 4:20 PM

To: Lisa Cathcart; Derek Campbell

Subject: Fwd: SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT

Attachments: SPI_143046404_bmcdonald@unsitsupport.com_09062016.doc; ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: < CustomerSupport@usac.org>

Date: September 6, 2016 at 3:38:19 PM EDT

To:
bmcdonald@unsitsupport.com>

Subject: SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT



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Attached are the electronic disbursement remittance statements for payments made from the universal service fund. Please do not respond to this message. If you have any questions or problems with the format of these statements, please contact our Customer Operations team at (888) 641-8722.

If you have questions or difficulty opening or understanding the format of your electronic remittance statement, please refer to the <u>electronic remittance statement instructions</u>.

Thank You,

USAC Customer Operations (888) 641-8722 (Toll Free) Customer Operations | www.usac.org 143046404|Unified Networking Solutions,
Inc|bmcdonald@unsitsupport.com|usacstatement@universalservice.org|1|\$0.00
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Portion Not Validated;356;"[062016|\$0.00

Your Total Actual Disbursement: \$0.00.

Exhibit C





Project Agreement

Prepared for:

Acushnet Public Schools 708 Middle Road, Suite 1 Acushnet, MA 02743

April 9, 2015

Prepared by:

Account Manager: Brian McDonsid Phone: (508) 272-1650 Email: <u>bmcdonsid@tinifict/TSupport.com</u>

> Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. 10 Commerce Way Sulto 8 Raynham, MA 02767 (877) 329-0434 (508) 463-0546 Fax

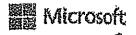




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Signature

Project Cost:

By signing this document the client confirms their decision to purchase \$109,293.32 of Access Point/Switching & Installation Services from Unified Networking Solutions, Inc.

UNIFIED is not responsible for fecues resulting from existing hardware/software. Additional indor may be necessary during setup due to unforesten issues with existing bardware/software and will be billed in addition to quoted work. Prices and specifications are subject to change without botics or obligation. Client must supply administrative passwords for all existing hardware. Additional materials may be needed in order to complete proposed work. Materials will be supplied at customer's expense.

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	•	Raynham, MA 02767
Phone: 508-998-006	2	Phone: 877-329-0434 Fax: 508-463-0546
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Exhibit D

Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. PO Box 495 Rsynham CTR, MA 02768 (877) 329-0434



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Acushnet Public Schools	
Attn: Chris Oliver	
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Deposit Summary

7/5/2016

Summary of Deposits to Bristol County Savings Bank on 04/13/2016

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		26	Deposit Subtotal:	51,553.24
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			Deposit Total:	51,553.24



UNIFIED NETWORKING SOLUTIONS INC. April 29, 2016

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Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2015-2016

January 03, 2017

Thomas Burns III
Dailey & Associates
353 West Center Street
West Bridgwater, MA 02379

Re: Applicant Name: ACUSHNET SCHOOL DISTRICT

Billed Entity Number: 120734
Form 471 Application Number: 1029685
Funding Request Number(s): 2854373

Your Correspondence Dated: October 17, 2016

After review of the information and documentation provided, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Remittance Statement, a notification of Schools and Libraries Program payments to the service provider, for the FCC Form 471 Application Number referenced above. This letter provides an explanation for USAC's decision. The date of this letter also begins the sixty (60) day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one FCC Form 471 Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate decision for each funding application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2854373
Decision on Appeal: Approved

Explanation:

 Based on your appeal letter and the relevant documentation, your appeal is approved and you have until 2/27/2017 to submit an invoice

Since your appeal is approved, you may continue to invoice USAC for a portion of the commitment that is still available, if any.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

*New SLD Inv # 2498665

(Chris Oliver)

Service Certification for SLD Invoices 1/13/17

\$LD Invoice Number	2395120
Invoice Line Number	8010738
Service Provider Name	Unified Networking Solutions, Inc
Service Providor SPIN	143046404
Service Provider Invalce #	Acushnet 15-16
Undiscounted Invoice Amount	\$109,293,32
Discounted Invoice Amount	\$54,646.66

Applicant Name	ACUSHNET SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Representative / Contact Name	Chris Oliver				
Representative / Contact Title	Director of Technology				
Representative / Contact Phone	508-998-0260				
Billed Entity Number (BEN)	120734				
471 Number	1029685				
FRN	2854373				
Date Goods/Services Delivered	N/A				
Date Goods/Services were or will be Installed	12/28/2015 12/31/2015				
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Signed:

Date:
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Schools And Libraries | As of February 06, 2017
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Your Total Actual Disbursement: \$0.00.

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Service Provider Form Identifier _Acushnet_Erate [Create an identifier for your own reference]		FCC Form 474 Invoice # _2533529 (To be inserted by administrator)
Block 1: Service Provider Informatio	n	
1. Service Provider Name Unified N	letworking Solutions Inc	
2. Service Provider Identification Nu	mber (SPIN) 143046404	
3. Contact Person's Name Lisa Cat	heart	
4. Contact Telephone Number	Area Code: 508 Phone Number: 7382404 E	ext.
Contact Fax Number	Area Code: 508 Fax Number: 4630546	
Contact Email Address lcathcart	@unsitsupport.com	
5. Total Invoice Amount (total of Bloc	k 2, Column 13) 54646.66	

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Block 2: Funding Request Number Information								
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FCC Form 471 Application Number (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	(FRN) (from Funding	Annually.	Customer Billed Date (mm/yyyy)	Date to Customer or Last	Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Service per FRN	Discount Rate	Amount Billed to USAC (Column 11 multiplied by Column 12)	
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Contact Person Lisa Cathcart							
Contact Telephone Number 508-7382404							
Block 3: Service Provider Certifications & Signature							
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and corr Service Provider Invoice Form (FCC Form 474) and acknowledge to belief, as follows:							
 A. I certify that this Service Provider is in compliance with the rules a universal service support program and I acknowledge that failure with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount fu commitments. B. I certify that the certifications made on the Service Provider Annu Service Provider are true and correct. C. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders go service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution. 	to be in compliance and remain in compliance anding and/or cancellation of funding all Certification Form (FCC Form 473) by this everning the schools and libraries universal						
14. Signature of authorized person [™]	15. Date 2/16/2017						
16. Printed name of authorized person Lisa Cathcart							
17. Title or position of authorized person Accounting Manager							
18. Telephone number of authorized person 508-7382404							
19. Address of authorized person 10 Commerce Way, STE 8 Raynham MA, 02767							

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143046404|Unified Networking Solutions,
Inc|bmcdonald@unsitsupport.com|usacstatement@universalservice.org|1|\$0.00
|Schools And Libraries|As of March 09, 2017
SPI|143046404|Acushnet_Erate|2854373|"SLD Invoice Number:2533529;Line
Item Detail Number:8446522;Amount Requested:54646.66;Payment of Applicant
Portion Not Validated;356;"|062016|\$0.00

Your Total Actual Disbursement: \$0.00.

FEDERAL COMMUICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of Request for Review by Unified	Ś	
Networking Solutions, Inc. of Decision of)	CC Docket No: 02-6
Universal Service Administrator)	
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AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN MCDONALD, PRESIDENT OF UNIFIED NETWORKING SOLUTIONS, INC.

I, BRIAN MCDONALD, hereby swear and affirm:

- 1. I am President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter "Unified") a duly organized corporation under the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 2. Unified provides computer and IT services to both private and public entities, including schools and other public institutions.
- 3. On April 9, 2015, my company entered into an agreement to provide IT connectivity services to the Acushnet Public Schools.
- 4. The total cost for quoted for the project was \$109,293.32. The Town of Acushnet agreed to this price.
- 5. Due to the fact this was an E-rate deal, the Town of Acushnet was to pay \$54,646.66, or 50%, for the project directly and the other 50% was to come from the Universal Service Administrative Company Schools and Libraries Division.
- 6. Unified successfully, and fully, completed the work for Acushnet and sent a final invoice to the Town for payment.
- 7. Despite informing Acushnet that payment had to be made to Unified directly, Acushnet sent payment to Hewlett Packard. Hewlett Packard was the manufacturer of the products installed in Acushnet.
- 8. Upon learning of the mistake, myself and other individuals in my company, contacted Acushnet through their technology department, school board and town offices to try and get them to reverse the payment.
- 9. It is my understanding that the reason they couldn't do this was because their fiscal year had ended and they could not reverse the transaction.
- 10. Further, after learning of the mistake, myself and individuals from my company contacted HP to try and get them to reverse the payment as well. They also could

not to do so including the fact that their fiscal year had closed as well.

- 11. Unified received the funds that were erroneously paid to HP, via wire deposit from HP, and they were deposited in our business account.
- 12. We submitted our request to be paid by USAC in August of 2016, with supporting documentation, and it was denied.
- 13. It is my understanding that the reason that was given for the denial was the fact that Acushnet had paid their portion directly to HP.
- 14. Upon our filing of the October 17, 2016 appeal, we sought to address this mistake by Acushnet as the basis of the appeal and included all relevant documentation addressing this payment issue.
- 15. The October 17, 2016 appeal was denied by USAC on January 3, 2017.
- 16. Our company resubmitted our request for payment on February 16, 2017. We resubmitted as we were advised by USAC that the date of an invoice may have led to the original denial of payment.
- 17. On March 6, 2017, it is my understanding that my bookkeeper, Lisa Cathcart, was informed by Dan Smith of USAC that our request would again be denied due to the payment issue but that we could appeal that decision to the FCC as well.
- 18. On March 7, 2017, we resubmitted documentation from the October 17, 2016 appeal to try and evidence the mistake that was made by the Town of Acushnet and to comply with all deadlines with USAC.
- 19. On March 9, 2017, we received another denial from USAC.
- 20. As a small technology company in Southeastern Massachusetts, the loss of the \$54,646.66 owed to us after completing the Acushnet project has harmed and constitutes a significant portion of our income.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this day of March 2017.

Brian McDonald

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, SS.

March 14, 2017

On this day of March 2017, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared BRIAN MCDONALD, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was an examination of a drivers license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

THOMAS J. BURNS III, Esquire
Notary Public Notary Public

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June 22, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

- I, Thomas J. Burns, III, hereby certify that on March 16, 2017, I caused a true copy of the attached,
 - Request For Review Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.719;
 - Affidavit of Brian McDonald, President of Unified Networking Solutions, Inc.; and
 - All Supporting Documentation for the Appeal

to be served on all parties of interest in this matter via first class mail and certified mail:

Schools and Libraries Program Correspondence Unit 30 Lanidex Plaza West PO Box 685 Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this kt day of March, 2017

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